



**Westborough Advisory Finance Committee  
Minutes of Meeting #29 of FY23 (ATM)  
March 25, 2023**

**Members Present:** M. Barretti (Chair), B. Blumberg, M. Board., A. Bradley, T. Dolan, Jr.,  
W. Leslie (Vice- Chair), G. McMahon, Z. Siddiqui.

**Not Present:** R. Shaffert.

Chair Barretti called this Westborough AFC in-person meeting to order at 8:36 AM in Auditorium at Westborough High School. Meeting to run concurrent with Annual Town Meeting beginning at 9AM.

This being **Mr. Siddiqui's** last meeting as a member of the AFC, the committee thanked him for his service.

Jim Robbins, Town Planner joined us to give more information on **Article 33 Change #67**. Question from Mr. McMahon- why eliminate the special permit option. Mr. Robbins said that while the special permit is in the bylaw, there in practice was no process for it and none had ever been given. This change was inspired by complaints by businesses about business that parks in front of their business on regular basis to advertise.

Motion/Second (**W. Leslie/G. McMahon**) for the AFC to recommend the town vote **in favor of A33 Change #67** was **approved 8-0-0**.

Mr. Leslie gave an update on the library potential need for a small budget adjustment to the Expenses line that is required to stay in compliance with the state 15% for book material. The librarian worked with the Town Manager and Finance director to resolve, and the need will be taken care of by either transfer between expense lines prior to July and/or a transfer from salary or reserve later in the year. We therefore do not have to vote on an amended expense budget.

**Annual Town Meeting Notes:**

- The annual town meeting started at approximately 9AM.
- Chair Barretti presented a report on behalf of the committee.
- Vice Chair Leslie informed the town meeting on articles that came up with errors in booklet and votes taken after the booklet went to press. *Changes are shown on next page.*
- **Article 36.** Article would move STM in October to Saturday. After hearing citizen remark about preventing participation by Jews who observe the Sabbath, AFC revoted the article from previous approval.

Motion/Second (**B. Blumberg/G. McMahon**) for the AFC to recommend the town vote **to Defeat A36** was **approved 6-0-2**. Abstain: Board, Leslie.

- **ATM adjourned** at approximately **8:35 PM**.

**Corrections to printed R&R and reporting of votes taken after printing:**

Errors Summary list	shows	should be	PAGE
21	8-0-0	7-0-0	17

Errors Article text	shows	should be	Page
10 N	8-0-0	Report at town meeting	28
10 O	8-0-0	Report at town meeting	29
10 P	8-0-0	Report at town meeting	29
16	8-0-0	7-0-1	31
21	8-0-0	7-0-0	33

Report at town meeting	vote	note	Page
10 N	6-1-1		28
10 O	7-1-0		29
10 P	7-0-0	PASS OVER	29
25	8-0-0		35
32	8-0-0		48
33 (X67)	8-0-0		55
33#67	8-0-0	voted at ATM	55
34	8-0-0		56
36	6-0-2	Revote at ATM to DEFEAT	58

**Election of AFC Chair and Vice Chair**

**Motion/Second (M. Barretti/B. Blumberg)** to appoint **Walter Leslie** as **AFC Chair** was **approved** after brief discussion **8-0-0**). Mr. Leslie accepted the appointment.

Discussion on Vice-Chair- Mr. McMahon agreed during discussion to be Vice Chair ***with the provision he would not be responsible for writing the meeting minutes.***

**Motion/Second (M. Barretti/B. Blumberg)** to appoint **Gene McMahon** as **AFC Vice-Chair** was **approved** after brief discussion **8-0-0**). Mr. McMahon accepted the appointment.

**Adjournment:**

A motion/second (**M. Barretti/B. Blumberg**) to adjourn without discussion **passed 8-0-0** at **8:45 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter Leslie  
Vice Chair, AFC